Advanced Practice Physiotherapist

## Advanced Practitioner

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| Job title: | Advanced Practice Physiotherapist |
| Department: | NHS MSK |
| Location: | South London |
| Reporting to:  (job title only) | APP Team Lead |
| Direct reports:  (job title only) | n/a |
| Accountable to:  (where applicable) | NHS MSK Service Lead |
| Responsible to:  (where applicable) |  |
| Job purpose: | To carry out MCATs clinics across Vita Health Groups South London Contracts. Clinical responsibilities will include paper and virtual triage, MDT working, Health Coaching for shared decision making and making every contact count and requesting diagnostics. The Advanced Practice Physiotherapist would work under the direct supervision of the NHS MSK Clinical Lead. |
| Role and Responsibilities: | Ensure appropriate consents to treat and to report are obtained   * Carry out paper and virtual triage assessments of patients in line with NICE guidance and local practice * Use outcome measures to demonstrate treatment effect * Provide evidence-based assessment, treatment and management of patients to optimize care aiming for achieving rapid return to function and work * Maintain records in line with CSP core standards and Vita Health standards * Communicate with GPs and clients in line with Vita Health procedures * Follow procedures and ensure data is logged on the clinical systems to VHG expected standards * Actively participate in in-service training and group supervision * Liaise with colleagues including Sport and Exercise Medicine consultants, physiotherapists, and the admin team as well as external stakeholder in local trusts, community services and GP practices. * Keep up to date with evidence-based practice/guidelines * Log data and audit outcomes of programmes * Maintain evidence of continual professional development * Other duties as may be required from time to time   **Equality Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)**  We are proud to be an equal opportunities employer and are fully committed to EDI best practice in all we do. We believe it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure their actions support this with all internal and external stakeholders.   * Be aware of the impact of your behaviour on others * Ensure that others are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect * Maintain and develop your knowledge about what EDI is and why it is important * Be prepared to challenge bias, discrimination, and prejudice, if possible, to do so and raise with your manager and EDI team * Encourage and support others to feel confident in speaking up if they have been subjected to or witnessed bias, discrimination, or prejudice * Be prepared to speak up for others if you witness bias, discrimination, or prejudice |
| Clinical Governance:  (where applicable) | Partake in audits of the service with aims to improve outcomes for service users. |
| Training and supervision: | There is the opportunity to work towards Health Education England Advanced Practice Accreditation.  Opportunity for support in obtaining post-graduate qualifications in injection therapy, non-medical prescribing and diagnostic ultrasound will be considered, depending on service needs.  Access to external training relevant to the role. |
| Additional information: | n/a |

## Person specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | * A degree in physiotherapy is essential along with HCPC and CSP membership. | MSc Physiotherapy |
| **Experience** | * MSK Experience equivalent to Band 7 * Able to demonstrate experience of working in a triage clinic, delivering excellent assessment and management plans for a diverse and complex MSK caseload * Possess a good working knowledge of imaging, investigations, and blood tests * Experience with MDT working and making direct referrals to secondary care services including Trauma & Orthopaedics, Rheumatology. * Be computer literate and highly organised and efficient in running your clinics * An awareness of and commitment to supporting and facilitating diversity and inclusion * Be willing to develop and enhance your clinical skills with training for US guided injections, FCP roles etc. * IRMER Trained | Injection therapy, Ultrasonography (PG cert or equivalent), Independent prescribing |
| **Skills/knowledge** | IT literate – intermediate level minimum |  |
| **Specialist training** |  | Injection therapy, Ultrasonography (PG cert or equivalent), Independent prescribing |
| **Personal competencies and qualities** | Excellent verbal and written communication skills including shared decision making  High level of enthusiasm and motivation  Ability to work individually or within a team and foster good working relationships  Ability to work under pressure  Excellent time management skills |  |

# Version Control

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